

CHAPLAIN CORPS

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP



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AMERICA'S NAVY CHAPLAINS: LIVE YOUR FAITH & SERVE YOUR COUNTRY

Every day around the world, members of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard answer the call to advance the cause of freedom. Navy chaplains support and protect the religious freedom of these service members and their families.

NAVY CHAPLAINCY EMBODIES DIVERSITY

Diversity among those you serve:

- They will come from various cultural, ethnic, racial, and religious backgrounds, including those of no particular religious beliefs.

Diversity in where you serve:

- You will serve where needed, providing ministry for those of your own faith group and facilitate for those of other faith groups. Navy ministry is about caring for all in your command.

Diversity in the challenges you face:

- You will rise to the challenges that you and your congregation will face; challenges that are unique to a demanding military lifestyle.

These young men and women, and their families will look to you to help them build and calibrate their moral compass; and you will help them connect with what helps keep them grounded spiritually. What an opportunity to live your faith, offer your ministry and serve your country where it matters, when it matters, with what really matters!



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PATHS TO NAVAL CHAPLAINCY

As a priest, pastor, rabbi, or imam there are several paths available to care for the souls of those in the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and their families:

- Active-duty Chaplains are initially commissioned as Naval Officers for 3-years of active service.
- Reserve duty Chaplains are commissioned as Navy Reserve Officers while they continue their civilian ministry. They attend two drill days each month, plus a two-week annual training period.
- Chaplain Candidate Program Officers prepare for professional ministry while enrolled in a qualifying graduate degree program. They are commissioned in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) and receive pay and benefits while training. Upon graduation and completion of both religious and U.S. Navy requirements, they will be considered for an initial appointment as an active or reserve-duty Chaplain. No service obligation is incurred until acceptance of this appointment.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS: NAVY CHAPLAIN CORPS

All candidates must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Meet the Navy's standards for physical fitness
- Be a graduate of an accredited college or university and graduate level theological school or seminary
- Have an ecclesiastical endorsement by a religious organization registered with the Department of Defense: <http://www.people.mil/inside-M-RA/Military-Personnel-Policy/How-we-support/AFCB/Endorsements/>
- Be less than 58 years old (Waivers may be considered on a case by case basis)
- Have committed 2 years of full time professional religious ministry experience (after completion of theological school or seminary preferred.)



Still working on your seminary training? Consider the Navy Chaplain Candidate Program.

Chaplain Candidates are commissioned as a Naval Officer in the Individual Ready Reserve while continuing theological studies and preparing for professional religious ministry. Once all requirements are met, Chaplain Candidates can then apply for chaplaincy in the Active or Reserve component. Upon selection, candidates attend the Direct Commission Officer Indoctrination Course in Newport, R.I. the first year. In year two, they attend the Chaplain Candidate Orientation Course at the Naval Chaplaincy School and Center. In subsequent years, chaplain candidates will receive on-the-job training for no less than 14-days with an active-duty chaplain to gain field experience.





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT

- Opportunities for funded post-graduate education
- Professional development and growth through leadership courses
- Administrative and logistical support from enlisted Religious Program Specialists
- Opportunity to attend retreats and conferences

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Competitive pay and allowance package
- 30 days paid vacation earned each year
- Comprehensive medical and dental care
- Retirement benefits
- Worldwide mission
- Shopping privileges at military commissaries and exchanges



As a Navy chaplain, you will bring the presence of God to those who are often on the frontlines of faith, at sea, ashore, in naval hospitals, brigs, or wherever they serve.



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ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

The Navy needs religious ministry professionals to meet the religious and spiritual needs of its people. Call 901-874-9216 or visit www.navy.com/chaplain to learn more about this exciting and diverse opportunity for ministry in America's Navy Chaplain Corps.

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